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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takayuki NARITA, et al.

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FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AND DYNAMIC PRESSURE

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, the time for response to which is extended one month(s) by the accompanying petition from January 2, 2004 to February 2, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Examiner: Robert Siconolfi

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